

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 8, 2005. In this amendment, Claims 3, 9-11 and 13 have been provided with the status identifier "withdrawn". The application now includes Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 12, 14 and 15 with Claims 1 and 15 being the only independent claims. Favorable reconsideration, in view of the above changes, is respectfully requested.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner has noted that claims 3, 9-11 and 13 have not been provided with the proper status identifier "withdrawn". Claims 3, 9-11 and 13 have been amended to provide them with the status identifier "withdrawn" after their claim number. Thus, it is believed that this amendment to the claims overcomes the notice of non-compliant amendment.

In view of the above amendments and accompanying remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner does not believe that the above remarks place the application in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to discuss the application and the prior art references prior to the issuance of a final action by the Examiner.